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## Crunch Time

Sandi Killough (left) and Robbie Dembeck sort cookies, donated for the Cookie Crunch program, that will be distributed to Airmen spending the holidays away from home. A record 950 dozen cookies were donated this year.

Photo by Don Lindsey

### Enlisted holiday party

A free Team Randolph Holiday Enlisted Party for all enlisted members begins at 2 p.m. today at the enlisted club. Food, music, door prizes and Santa Claus will highlight an afternoon of fun and holiday spirit.

### Wingspread publication

The Wingspread's final edition of 2008 is Dec. 19. Publication will resume Jan. 9.

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## NEWS

# Team brings personal touch to personnel issues

By April Rowden

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

A six-person team from the Air Force Personnel Center here spoke to Team Randolph members in two separate sessions Monday as part of the Air Force-wide "Spread the Word" tour.

The Spread the Word briefings provided information on personnel issues and delivery transformation, and allowed all Airmen direct contact with AFPC personnel to address concerns and provide feedback.

"These tours give the AFPC team a chance to talk to you directly about changes in personnel matters – changes that impact your life," Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, AFPC commander, told those filling the seats at the base theater. "This also gives us a chance to hear from you, our customer, so we know how to make things work better for you."

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**Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain**

*Air Force Personnel Center commander*



"It's important that we continue to seek enhanced technology to improve how Airmen interface with the personnel system, thereby allowing Airmen and commanders the ability to control when they want to work personnel actions. It's also very important that all Airmen – civilian, enlisted and offi-

cers – remember that there are experts they can reach back to if they need assistance," General McClain said.

Specific topics covered in the Spread the Word briefings included 365-day deployment options, the Global Air and Space Expeditionary Force tempo-banding deployment

system, civilian hiring procedures, assignment changes and anticipated uniform upgrades.

An open forum followed the formal presentation. The panel answered questions from the audience that ranged from wounded warrior care to deployment requirements.

Teams are traveling to bases worldwide in order to reach the largest Air Force audience with their messages. The briefings began in September at major command and combatant command levels. A briefing team will visit every Air Force installation before the Spread the Word tours conclude later next year. Installation leadership will be notified of proposed tour dates.

For individual personnel questions, visit the AFPC "Ask" Web site, call the Air Force Personnel Center Contact Center at (800) 616-3775 or e-mail [stw.workflow@randolph.af.mil](mailto:stw.workflow@randolph.af.mil).

## Contest solicits recruiting videos from Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Airmen in all career fields now have a chance to try their hand in Air Force recruiting.

A video contest that officially began Dec. 1, solicits "mission-documentary" type videos depicting Airmen's contribution to the Air Force and the Nation. According to officials, the videos should capture the author's vision of an effective Air Force recruiting commercial for TV.

The winning videos will be run on Air Force Blue Tube where they will be available for public viewing and download. The winning Airmen will also receive a coin and a congratulatory letter from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and an article published about them on Air Force Link.

"Almost everyone has a digital camera and can get creative in documenting their contribution to the Air Force in innovative ways much like the 'You Make a Difference' recruiting clips that are already being used," said Capt. Rose Richeson, Air Education and Training Command public affairs.

Some examples of video ideas

include short clips from a deployment, someone launching an unmanned aerial vehicle by hand, medical miracles, working dog demonstrations or training exercises, said Captain Richeson.

Airmen can submit their videos directly to their major command public affairs office through an Air Force Knowledge Now, Community of Practice Web site at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/EntryCoP.asp?Filter=AF-SC-01-38>.

Once on the site, Airmen must request to become a member by clicking the link in the top left hand side of the page. They may cite the video contest submission as their reason for membership. Once access is granted to the site, Airmen should download their video into their respective MAJCOM folder. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 9, 2009.

Before uploading videos, Airmen must read and agree to the contest submission terms and conditions, located in a folder along with video guidelines on the Web site.

The videos will be judged in two categories – professional team and individual Airmen. A winner from each category will be announced in March, 2009.

### Video submission guidelines

- Videos should be between 27-30 seconds long and no larger than 40 mb
- The minimum video dimensions accepted are 640x480
- Acceptable video formats include: QuickTime, MPEG1, MPEG4, Windows Media, AVI
- Preferred specifications include Windows Media Video 9, total bit rate of 700 kbps at 480x360 or QuickTime (MPEG4 h.264 codec), total bit rate of 700 kbps at 480x360
- Avoid possible copyright infringement including background music, visible logos, endorsing a product or using other people's video footage



### Publicly available multimedia

- Video: [www.dvidshub.mil](http://www.dvidshub.mil), [www.defenseimagery.mil](http://www.defenseimagery.mil), [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil)
- Images: [www.defenseimagery.mil](http://www.defenseimagery.mil), [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil)
- Music: [www.usafbnd.af.mil](http://www.usafbnd.af.mil)

# Innovators save Randolph big bucks, advance training

By Thomas Warner

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

An innovative idea by a pair of Team Randolph civilians helped save the Air Force more than \$1 million.

Joe Rippke and Glenn Williams, with the 12th Operations Support Squadron, came up with an idea to allow the AT-38 weapons system simulator room enough space to operate as needed with the machines in place as they are.

A reward of \$10,000 was split by the men after they were cited with one of the Air Force's annual Innovative Development of Employee Awareness, or IDEA, awards.

"They are truly exceptional innovators," said Lt. Col. Brent King, 12th OSS commander. "Our simulators have been in place for a while now and we were actually able to start training with this equipment six months ahead of the projected start time."

Randolph implemented the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals weapons system in early 2008 and had initially thought an expansion of Bldg. 738 would be needed to align the installation of the machinery with required specifications.

"What it involved was a potential expansion of our building in order to maintain safety standards," said Mr. Williams, Trainer Aircraft Flight Simulator quality assurance representative. "Civil engineers, along with the Army Corps of Engineers, did a site survey and determined that \$1.4 million would be needed to expand the building and create room to operate in there."

Expansion was needed, the survey said, so that enough space would be available for the cockpits of the Weapons System Trainers to occasionally be removed from the simulators for maintenance and cleaning.

The civilian innovators met with officials from 12th OSS, AETC, Randolph's Flight Safety division and Boeing contractors to get ideas on exactly what might be necessary to properly install the simulators.

Getting the respective parties together like that



Photo by Rich McFadden

Glenn Williams, 12th Operations Support Squadron flight simulator quality assurance representative, points out the newly-expanded space constructed to facilitate simulator cockpit maintenance.

is what's known as a Site Action Task Force and the men took information away from those meetings that helped them come up with their plan. The overall objective regarding the Talon simulators was to support, install and implement.

After the meeting, Mr. Rippke, an Instructor Flight Simulator project officer, and Mr. Williams began mulling potential scenarios. They came up with the idea to install fire-proof roll-up doors in the main bay of the existing space in Building 738. That construction, to be done by a contractor, came at a cost of under \$350,000.

"Initially, the plan was to build an extension to the building and put one of the two new simulators there, while installing the second one in the existing bay," Colonel King said. "Mr. Rippke and Mr. Williams studied it and thought they might be able to redesign the existing bay."

The roll-up doors allowed for usage of a 10-foot wide hallway, beyond the cinder block walls that encompass the simulator bay. Using the extra space, there would be plenty of room to remove, maintain and re-install the cockpits.

Mr. Rippke and Mr. Williams will now compete for an Air Force-level award.

"We are a two-man shop with quality assurance here, so Joe and I contributed equally to what was done," Mr. Williams said. "We were trying to get the simulators in as early as possible because the training being done with these things involves some unique ideas that our Airmen benefit from. The sooner the better, we were thinking."

Submissions for potential IDEA awards for individuals at Randolph can be made through the office of Christine Bucholz at 652-2590.

Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or  
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Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost  
12th Flying Training Wing commander



COMMENTARY

Expand your horizons, read all you can

By Lt. Col. Chris Decker  
376th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron commander

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan – A past wing commander once told me no emotion or feeling is original. As a young lieutenant, I took it as subtle advice that I could learn much from others. If I want to prepare myself for leadership, I should go study the history of our country and the lives of our country's leaders.

As you make rank and complete your professional military education, you'll find that most of our country's great leaders made it a point to read history and biographies.

Reading played a huge part in our leaders' preparation to command during some of the darkest periods of our country's existence. Army Gen. George S. Patton presents just one example. A military historian in his own right, he believed in preparing "for the unknown by studying how

others in the past have coped with the unforeseeable and the unpredictable."

If you don't know who General Patton is or what he accomplished, I encourage you to pick up a book and read about him.

If you don't know where to start, the Air Force chief of staff publishes a professional reading list. The base library stocks several books from the lists of past Air Force chiefs of staff.

Expand your horizons. Prepare for the unknown. Start reading now.

Gen. Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, recently announced the 2009 CSAF reading list. The list can be accessed at [www.af.mil/library/csafreading](http://www.af.mil/library/csafreading) and is also available at all Air Force libraries.

Prepare a personal mission statement

By Tech. Sgt. Ernest Owens  
354th Fighter Wing command post

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – Have you ever tried traveling across the country without a road map? If not, then why travel into the future without a map? Recently, during one of my business classes, I came upon an interesting tool to use in life.

Our assignment was to come up with a personal mission statement and then a one-year and a 10-year plan for our lives. The professor expressed his desire that we take this to heart and not just as another assignment to get through. I took his advice and approached the assignment in such a manner. What follows is what I came up with and my thought process.

I know the Air Force mission statement: "The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight, and win ... in air, space, and cyberspace" and our 354th Fighter Wing mission statement: "Prepare U.S. and allied aviation forces for

combat, to deploy Airmen in support of global operations, and to enable the staging of forces to promote U.S. interests in the Asia-Pacific region."

But what could be my personal life mission statement? Here is what I came up with: "I will place family first, above all else. I will give 110 percent effort at work at all times and do what needs to be done to move up in rank and improve my work area. I will live as healthily as I can by staying active, at the same time keeping my family healthy by keeping them active as well. I will ensure to enjoy life!"

Now that I put my purpose in life into a mission statement I had to plan where I wanted to go in life.

This part of the assignment the professor stated always would be changing. As time goes by, your desires in life change or you accomplish the plan you had and move on to another one. This was fun for me, I realized that I would someday retire from the Air Force and would need a plan as well for that day when it comes.

Here is what I came up with for my one-year and 10-year plans:

- Short term (present to one year)**
- Complete fall semester
  - Study for and make master sergeant
  - Increase my leadership skills at work
  - Prepare my family for PCSs
- Long term (one to 10 years)**
- Complete Bachelor's degree
  - Make Senior Master Sergeant
  - Help children succeed in school
  - Retire from the Air Force
  - Start my own business after retirement

This is an easy and quick process that can help you. Don't end up somewhere in life and ask yourself, "How did I get here?" Take the initiative and a little time to plan for your future. You will find writing these items down and reviewing them occasionally can help you stay focused and on track. Remember, whenever you do something to improve yourself, you are also improving the Air Force. Improve yourself and get where you want to be while leaving the Air Force a better place at the same time.

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## Sky's the limit



Photo by Rich McFadden

Brig. Gen. Ali Ar-Aaragy, Iraq air force advisor to the Iraqi Minister of Defense, prepares to taxi prior to take off in a T-38 Talon during his visit to Randolph this week.

# Randolph comes clean: *ESOHMS assessment reveals five outstanding performers*



By Sean Bowlin  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Commanders and principal staffers of the 12th Flying Training Wing gathered Dec. 5 in the wing conference room at the Taj Mahal to hear the results of the recent environmental, safety and occupational health management system, or ESOHMS, assessment.

The results of inspectors visiting 93 facilities, performing 1,105 document reviews and interviewing 115 people were notably positive, officials said.

"There were no hazardous waste write-ups. This place is clean," said Col. William Kolakowski, Air Education and Training Command chief of environmental programs, at the briefing's start. "There were zero significant."

A 'significant' means non-

compliance with applicable federal, state or local regulations that pose a direct, immediate threat to health, safety, mission accomplishment or the environment.

"You did really, really well," the colonel said in closing his briefing.

Other successes were what briefer Paul Mehaffey, AETC ESOCHAMP compliance officer, said was "positive recognition" of Randolph's drinking water program by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. He also said the base's civil engineer functions maintained continuity books excellently.

Mr. Mehaffey said that base engineers have developed solid relations with Wing Safety and training representatives who have, in turn, demonstrated leadership in

the shops. He added shops inspected implemented the Hazard Communication program excellently.

Mr. Mehaffey then congratulated the assessment's five outstanding performers.

They were: Miguel Amador, entomology shop, for exceptional attitude and work results; Daniel Rodriguez, corrosion control, for running a flawless program; Greg Fruscella, aerospace ground equipment, for providing excellent support equipment; Jose Perez, civil engineering's material control, for establishing a comprehensive program which assured all of his shop's hazardous materials were tracked; and Erik Christianson, Randolph Air Force Base's hazardous waste manager, for maintaining flawless records and having an outstanding program.

# Hitting the bottle? Remember the CORC

By Sean Bowlin

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

With the Air Force's designation of December as "Responsible Alcohol Use Month," commanders are reminding Airmen to drink moderately, with safety in mind – or to abstain all-together if they so choose.

Abstinence, moderation and safety are hallmarks of the CORC Program – Culture of Responsible Choices – a mindset the Air Force continually emphasizes to all Airmen and civilian employees, said Staff Sgt. Brian Hornberger, Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program NCO-in-charge.

Sergeant Hornberger said the "0-0-1-3" policy instituted throughout the Air Force is a big part of CORC.

0-0-1-3 means zero drinks if under 21 years of age; zero DUIs; one drink per hour, maximum and three drinks in one night, maximum.

It applies continually, and Airmen should internalize and heed it during the holidays, during parties when people tend to drink more and many alcohol-based automobile mishaps occur.

Capt. (Dr.) John Waggoner, 12th MDOS clinical psychologist, said there are severe consequences to drinking and driving that Airmen need to know.

They include:

- potential death, disfigurement, disability and injury to self or others
- financial costs of a crash, arrest or jail time
- loss of driver's license
- higher insurance rates
- legal fees, car expenses
- lost time at work
- embarrassment, humiliation and potential loss after informing family, friends and commanders.

"It's disheartening when we get Airmen in here who've put in 10, 15 or close to 20 years in the Air Force and they have a DUI or an alcohol-related incident," Captain Waggoner said.

Sergeant Hornberger added that healthcare providers will, during an admission for treatment or evaluation after a mishap, ask if alcohol was used before. If it was, the occurrence is labeled as an alcohol-related incident. Follow-up Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program counseling is then mandatory.

Sergeant Hornberger said the time for making responsible choices about using alcohol starts before drinking.

"Designate a sober driver before the party or celebration begins," he said. "Make a plan and stick to it. Have a sober wingman or be one."

Other points Sergeant Hornberger enumerated about responsible alcohol use during a party setting included:

- Arrive late and leave early.
- Eat before you drink, especially high-protein foods like cheeses and meats.
- Avoid the bar area.
- Drink slowly.
- If offered a refill, just say, 'No, thank you.' You do not have to explain.
- Or go non-alcohol. No one will ever know that



**Don't Drown  
Your Career with  
too much Beer**

**0-0-1-3**

**IT'S NOT PROHIBITION.  
IT'S A RESPONSIBLE DRINKING CULTURE.**

**The Standard 0-0-1-3**

- 0 drinks under 21
- 0 DUIs
- Max 1 drink per hour
- Max 3 drinks per night

you only have cola in your glass.

- Do not leave your drink unattended.
- Stay busy. Talk to others, dance, etc.
- Remember that there is no way to sober up quickly.
- Don't even think about getting behind the wheel of your vehicle if you've been drinking.
- Instead, call a taxi, use mass transit or get a sober friend or family member to come get you; or stay where you are and sleep it off.
- Remember "friends don't let friends drive drunk." Take their keys.
- Never ride with a person who has been drinking or doing drugs. Have a back-up plan if you need a ride home.

If hosting a party where alcohol is served, Sergeant Hornberger also stressed:

- Be prepared to take car keys – in fact, collect them when guests arrive.
- The role as a responsible party host is to prevent friends from becoming the next alcohol-related statistic and to provide an environment where everyone can enjoy themselves.
- Invite people who will like each other and have fun together.
- Have a designated bartender or serve drinks yourself, so that you can control the amount served.
- Use standard measures. Mix alcohol with non-carbonated drinks to slow absorption.
- Always have alcohol-free drinks available.
- Ensure drinking is not the primary focus. Plan group activities – music, dance, games, pool, movies.
- Serve foods high in protein. Avoid salty snacks,

which make people want to drink more.

- Do not rush to refill empty glasses.
- Do not let anyone underage drink alcohol.
- Don't drink too much yourself.
- Stop serving alcohol 1-2 hours before the party is over. Serve alcohol-free drinks, coffee and food instead.
- Ensure all your guests leave with a sober driver.
- Offer to call a taxi or let them stay and sleep it off.



# AFPC Executive presented Presidential Rank Award

By 2nd Lt. Gina Vaccaro

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary (military personnel policy) for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, presented the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award Tuesday to Sheila Earle, executive director, Air Force Personnel Center.

"Sheila has been a colleague, a friend, and a brilliant contributor to military human resources for decades, so for me it was enormously fulfilling for her to receive this recognition," Mr. Carr said about the presentation.

Ms. Earle earned the award while serving as principal director, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, at the Office of the Secretary of Defense from September 2003 to August 2008.

The Presidential Rank Awards are presented annually to career members of the Senior Executive Service, Senior-Level, and Scientific and Professional corps who have displayed sustained achievement in government service.

Ms. Earle's notable accomplishments include the creation of the Defense Travel Management Office at the Pentagon which streamlined travel for all military services. In addition, she initiated the first major change since 1986 to the Goldwater-Nichols Act that enabled military officers to earn joint assignment credit via a point-based system.

Ms. Earle has 30 years of personnel experience, including more than 20 years active-duty military service. Mr. Carr called the Presidential Rank Award the pinnacle achievement in a civil service career, because the award represents the top in government service.

"She has done some really extraordinary things among what is already a pretty competitive crowd," Mr. Carr said. "Today, as the recipient of this award, she has reached the top 5 percent of all the SES members in the government."

Only 5 percent of all SES members, which make up approximately .03 percent of the total civilian federal workforce, may be awarded the meritorious-level rank award.

"The OSD/MPP was one of the finest teams I've ever served on and the leadership was phenomenal," said Ms. Earle, who retired from active-duty in



Photo by Melissa Peterson

Sheila Earle, Air Force Personnel Center executive director, receives the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award from Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Tuesday.

2001 as an Air Force colonel. "I was able to take an idea and run with it and make something happen...I would never have gotten an award like this without the great team and Mr. Carr's support!"

An official presentation to Ms. Earle and other recipients of the award will be held this spring in Washington D.C.

"Ms. Earle is cheerful and tenacious, which is the best combination you can find in a colleague," Mr. Carr said. "She is determined, yet what she conveys is this wonderful collegiality

and warmth. So, she'll get what the government needs and have everybody smiling in the process."

For more information about the Presidential Rank Awards visit the Office of Personnel Management Web site, [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov). For a biography of Ms. Earle visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/library/biographies/index.asp](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/library/biographies/index.asp).

For details about AFPC, visit the AFPC public site, [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/).

## Randolph Chapel Schedule

### • CATHOLIC

Monday - Friday - Chapel One  
11:30 a.m.

Saturday - Chapel One  
5:30 p.m.

Sunday - Chapel Two  
8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

### Confession

Saturday - Chapel One  
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### • PROTESTANT

Traditional Worship  
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

Parish Fellowship  
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Religious Education  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational Praise & Worship  
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

## BASE BRIEFS

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Claude Hungerford, Air Education and Training Command, on your retirement.

### HCCAC meeting

The Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meets Thursday at 2 p.m. in the large conference room on the second floor of the Randolph clinic.

### No FEAR Act training

All Department of Defense civilians and their supervisors (both civilian and military supervisors) who are assigned to Randolph Air Force Base, including all satellite units, are required to complete the mandatory Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act, or No FEAR Act, training every two years.

This year's deadline to complete training is Dec. 31. Users with computer access should take the course on the Advanced Distribution Learning System, or ADLS.

Those with no computer access should attend one of the mass briefings at the base theater on either Dec. 16 or 18 from 9-9:30 a.m. or 1-1:30 p.m.

For details, call the equal opportunity office at 652-4376.

### Tour of Homes

Ten Randolph homes will flip the switch on lights, sounds and decorations of the holiday season during the Randolph Holiday Tour of Homes on today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.

Donations of \$10 are appreciated, and all proceeds benefit the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The tours can begin at any of the following homes: Gen. and Mrs. Steven Lorenz's home at 1 Main Circle, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Anthony Przybyslawski's home at 3 North Park, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Richard Devereaux's home at 4 South Park, and "The Randolph House" at 13 Military Plaza.

Color-coded maps and refreshments will be handed out to tourists, with information on the homes and their history.

For more information, call Alan Frosch at 693-9344 or e-mail afrosch@satx.rr.com.

### AFSA to host holiday party

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapters 1075 and A1075 will host their annual holiday party at the Valencia Hotel in downtown San Antonio on Dec. 18. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 and door prizes will be given away.

To purchase a ticket, call Master Sgt. Chad Winkelman at 652-4718 or Master Sgt. Sabina Pinkowski at 565-5446.

### OSC Holiday Luncheon

The Randolph Officers' Spouses' Club will host their Holiday Luncheon on Thursday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Parr Club (officers' club).

Entertainment will include the Randolph Elementary School Choir and a shopping extravaganza.

Reservations must be made by 10 a.m. on Monday by calling 858-4524, 626-8193 or e-mailing reservations@randolphosc.org.

On-site childcare available for \$5 per child with reservation by noon on Dec. 15 to 255-1699.

For more information visit [www.randolphosc.org](http://www.randolphosc.org).

### Randolph ISD holiday reception

The Randolph Field ISD holiday reception takes place Thursday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Randolph Elementary early education childhood building. E-mail walker@rfisd.net for details.

### Vet clinic holiday hours

The veterinary clinic will only be open for over-the-counter-sales on Dec. 22-24 and 29-30 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

The clinic will be closed on Dec. 25-26, 31 and Jan. 1-2.

### VCO meeting

The mandatory semi-annual Vehicle Control Officers meeting takes place Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. in Bldg. 224.

For details, call 652-2020.

### Christmas feast

The dining facility will serve a continental breakfast from 7-8 a.m. and a Christmas meal from noon to 5 p.m. on Dec. 25. The menu consists of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans and peas with mushrooms. Dessert will be French apple pie, almond pound cake and candy. That day, the dining facility is open to all active-duty members, retirees and their family members with valid ID.

### EDUCATION CENTER 652-5964

### Office closure

The Education Office is closed all day today for Wingman Day and at noon Wednesday for an official function.

### Park University

Registration for the Spring 2009 term starts Monday and runs through Jan. 9, and the term starts Jan. 12. Spring term dates are Jan. 12 to March 8. Course schedules are posted on-line at [www.park.edu/Course/index.aspx](http://www.park.edu/Course/index.aspx). Select "Randolph" or "online" from the location menu to review the appropriate schedule.

Introduction to Math (MA105) is offered in an eight-week format which can be used to complete the math requirement for CCAF.

E-mail rand@park.edu or visit the Randolph office in Bldg. 208, Rm. 5.

### St. Mary's University

Early registration for the St. Mary's University Spring 2009 term continues for currently enrolled students. To view the course schedule, visit [www.stmarytx.edu/registrar](http://www.stmarytx.edu/registrar).

Students can register on-line through GATEWAY. Tuition assistance requests can be made now until the start of the class on Jan. 12, 2009.

For additional information or questions, call 658-4852 or e-mail [stmurafb@stmarytx.edu](mailto:stmurafb@stmarytx.edu).

### ERAU

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's winter term begins Jan. 12 and includes major core classes.

For a registration appointment, call 659-0801.

### Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University's Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education is a 124-credit hour undergraduate degree offering majors in justice administration, human services, occupational education, among others. The winter term has begun. Tuition assistance students should ensure that their TA forms are turned in and fees are paid.

For more information, call 590-5681 or visit Bldg. 208, Rm. 11.

# MOVIES

## Randolph Movie Theater 652-3278

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(11 yrs. and under)  
\$2.00

### "Saw V"

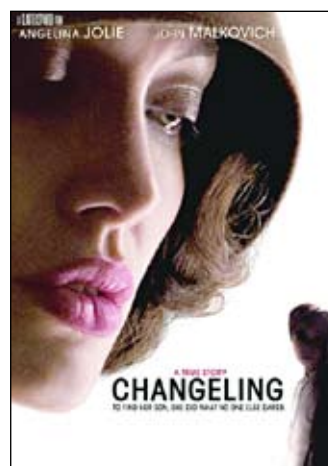
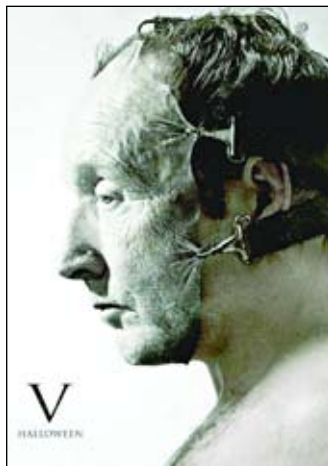
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Today, 7 p.m.  
Rated R, 92 mins

### "Role Models"

Seann William Scott, Paul Rudd  
Saturday, 6 p.m.  
Rated R, 99 mins

### "Changeling"

Angelina Jolie, Gattlin Griffith  
Sunday, 3 p.m.  
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## 12th Services Briefs

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### • December monthly member's birthday buffet

The monthly member's birthday buffet is Dec. 17 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This buffet is open to members of either Randolph club and is free for members or spouses during their respective birthday month.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER - 652-5142

#### • Santa's workshop

Let the arts and crafts staff help you get ready and in the mood with their Santa's Workshop tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be several craft projects to choose from such as making Christmas cards and ornaments, snowman painting and so much more! And the big guy himself will be visiting from the North Pole so you can take pictures of your children with Santa!

#### • Engraved ornaments

Start a new tradition in your family by giving each of your loved ones a special ornament that is personally engraved for them. An engraved ornament is also a great gift for teachers or baby-sitters and also as a stocking stuffer. Our engraving department does a superb job and we have an assortment of ornaments you can choose from or you can bring in the ornaments you want engraved.

### AUTO SKILLS CENTER - 652-2952

#### • Learn to maintain your vehicle

In this two-session class, you will learn to change your oil, rotate your tires and do a brake job. Don't get caught paying outrageous prices for preventive maintenance. Classes are held Tuesdays, January 6 & 13 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies.

### BOWLING CENTER - 652-6271

#### • Gifts for everyone

Are you having a hard time finding the perfect gifts for special people on your list? The Pro Shop is offering 10 to 25% off selected balls, bags and shoes through December

23. Stop in, check out the new equipment and pick up something for that hard to please person in your life.

#### • Bowling New Year's Eve celebration

Celebrate the end of the old year and the beginning of the New Year at the bowling center. On Dec. 31 there will be open bowling from 1-7 p.m. at \$2 per game, per person. Doors open for the adults only party at 9 p.m. There will be three games of Colorama Bowling with cash prizes from 9:30 p.m. to Midnight. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a complimentary glass of champagne to toast in 2009 and breakfast afterwards.

### RAMBLER FITNESS CENTER - 652-2955

#### • Indoor half marathon

This self monitored program is based on the honor system and participants are to try to complete 13 miles running/walking within two weeks from Dec. 15-29. Mileage log-in cards may be picked up at the front desk. Participants will receive a water bottle on completion of the event.

### GOLF COURSE - 652-4570

#### • Holiday gift certificates

Gift certificates are available and make great gifts for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list. During the month of December you will receive a raffle ticket with the purchase of \$10 in merchandise for a drawing to possibly win a set of irons, driver, putter or bag.

### INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL - 652-5640

#### • Santa suit rental

Want to be the life of your holiday party? Reserve your Santa Claus suit now for your holiday party whether it is a unit function or neighborhood gathering. ITT has complete suits available for \$25 a day. Reservations must be made in person at ITT, Bldg. 897.

#### • Stocking stuffers

Don't know what to get that special person for the

holiday season? ITT has the perfect gift for you! You can choose from IMAX and Regal Theaters, Natural Bridge Caverns, Natural Wildlife Ranch, season passes to their favorite theme park, Entertainment Books, Disney World or Disney Land Tickets or even tickets to a Broadway play!

### LIBRARY - 652-8901

#### • Brighten up your holidays

Make your holidays a little brighter with books from the library on crafts, cookery and stories of the season.

#### • Are we there yet?

If this is a phrase you hear often when traveling with your children then you should stop by the library for books on CD and books on tape, children's audio books and movies. The Library gets the latest releases as well as classics, which are perfect for the whole family. It could be a long ride without them.

### RANDOLPH RECREATION PARK AT CANYON LAKE - 1-800-280-3466

#### • Half price shelters

You can rent one of the shelters for half price, \$17.50 per night, Mon to Thu, during the month of December. The shelter is equipped with a refrigerator, sink, microwave, a full size bed, bunk beds (sleeps four) (customers need to bring their own linen), air conditioning, heating, and a bathroom with a hot shower....all the comforts of home. Randolph's Recreation Park at Canyon Lake is a popular place so make your reservations early.

### WOOD SKILLS CENTER - 652-2788

#### • Beginners' woodworking class

In this two-session class, you will not only learn the basics but you will also get certified on the equipment used so that you can continue to use the facility on other woodworking projects. Class is held January 6 & 13 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies. Deadline to sign up is December 30.

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# New Years Eve

## Come celebrate with us!

Parr Club 652-4864

Celebrate the new year at the Parr Club. Reservations fill up quickly so make your reservation now!

The Ballroom package includes a buffet dinner from 7-9 p.m. and the Ked Parrock Orchestra from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The price is \$59.95 per person for members or \$64.95 per person for nonmembers.

The Sky Lounge package includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and music by The Wilburn Borthers. The price is \$39.95 per person for members or \$44.95 for nonmembers.

Both packages also include an open bar, champagne at midnight, breakfast buffet and party favors.

### Kendrick Club 652-3056

On New Year's Eve meet Liza Minnelli (impersonator) as she entertains you with some great music from 7-9 p.m.

The ballroom doors open at 7 p.m. and a buffet will be served until 9 p.m.

Texas Chili Peppers will entertain you from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Price for this generous package is \$56.95 for club members or \$66.95 for nonmembers

The doors open at 10 p.m. in the Nite Club and a buffet of light hors d'oeuvres will be served until 11:30 p.m. The price for the Nite Club package is \$33.95 for club members or \$43.95 for nonmembers.

The price for both packages also includes complimentary glasses of champagne cocktails, champagne at midnight, party favors and a breakfast buffet.



# Base celebrates legacies of two distinguished Airmen

By Sean Bowlin  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

12th Flying Training Wing commanders, retired Airmen, family members and friends gathered Dec. 5 and cheered as the Randolph Air Force Base's Officer and Enlisted Clubs were re-named for two distinguished local warriors.

At 11:30 a.m., guests of highly-decorated Korean War ace Col. Ralph S. Parr and retired Chief Master Sgt. Guy Kendrick, one of the Air Force's original group of "charter" chief master sergeants to be promoted to that rank, filed out of a lunch at the base's officer's Club.

In front of the building and braving the cold, they listened as 12th Flying Training Wing commander Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost and Colonel Parr lifted a veil from the newly-re-lettered sign in front of the building, officially re-naming it as the Parr Club.

Colonel Van Ovost called Colonel Parr, who flew 641 combat missions in three wars and logged 6,000 hours in fighter aircraft, "a consummate warrior." She noted he was the only winner of the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Force Cross and said since his retirement in 1976, Colonel Parr has been part of nearly every significant 12th Flying Training Wing event happening at Randolph AFB.

Colonel Van Ovost added the designation of the facility as the Parr Club "will forever serve to inspire the Airmen who pass through its doors."

Later, Colonel Parr said he was absolutely delighted to have the club named after him.

"I don't see how I could have possibly been selected," he added modestly. "But I couldn't be more pleased."

The group of spectators then traveled by bus to the base's enlisted club, where Colonel Van Ovost and Chief Kendrick unveiled both a plaque and a sign renaming the facility as the Kendrick Club.

Colonel Van Ovost addressed the onlookers in front of the club saying, "This honors the legacy of not only one man, but that of all of our 'charter chiefs.'"

Chief Kendrick, who now lives in Kerrville, was promoted along with four others to his present rank on Dec. 1, 1959, while stationed at Randolph AFB in aircraft maintenance.

He served four tours on the base and has spent many hours during his retirement mentoring Airmen at Gaylor Airman Leadership School.

"This is an outstanding honor," he said as he gazed at the bronze plaque commemorating the event. "Never in my life could I see myself in this position. I am humbled and honored."



Photos by Rich McFadden

Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, and Korean War ace, retired Col. Ralph Parr, unveil a bronze plaque commemorating the re-naming of the Randolph Air Force base Officers' Club as the "Parr Club" during a ceremony Dec. 5.



Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost (left), 12th Flying Training Wing commander, and retired Chief Master Sgt. Guy Kendrick lift the cover off the new enlisted club sign redesignating it the "Kendrick Club."

## YOUR MONEY

# New TSP contribution limits set for 2009

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board recently announced an increase in the 2009 elective deferral limit for regular Thrift Savings Plan contributions. The limit is now \$16,500, up from \$15,500 for 2008.

In addition, contributions for the TSP catch-up plan will increase to \$5,500, up from the \$5,000 limit set for the last three years.

The plan gives investors the opportunity to lower their taxes each year they contribute. The taxes are deferred until the employee withdraws from the account after retirement.

Air Force-serviced civilians enroll or submit regular TSP contribution elections, as well as catch-up contribution elections if eligible, by using the Employee Benefits Information System Web application or the Benefits and Entitlements



Service Team's phone system. EBIS can be found on the Air Force Portal and on AFPC's "Ask" Web site by entering "Employee Benefits Information System" in the search function.

Employees can reach the BEST phone system by dialing 800-616-3775. Overseas employees need to dial a toll-free AT&T direct access number for the country they are in, then 800-616-3775. When the phone system answers, press "2" for Air Force-serviced civilians, then "2" again for BEST benefits and entitlements, and follow the prompts. AT&T direct access numbers can be found at [www.business.att.com/bt/dial\\_guide.jsp](http://www.business.att.com/bt/dial_guide.jsp).

For details, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site and enter "Thrift Savings Plan" in the search function.

Additional information about TSP, both regular and catch-up, is available on the TSP Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov>. See "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan" located under civilian or uniformed services TSP Forms and Publications.

# Year-round mission brings hope to homeless

## *Dedicated chapel volunteers make vital program successful*

By Thomas Warner

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A ministry formed in 1994 thrives today with a mission to feed and clothe the homeless while giving hope to many others struggling to make ends meet.

Mary Bolden – Ms. Mary to most who know her – is at the heart of the Christoferos ministry, which she founded to “do something different” for the holidays. Ms. Bolden and her husband, then-Master Sgt. Brady Bolden, made a decision to prepare and deliver food to homeless people in the San Antonio area.

“It has grown to the point that we can provide clothes, blankets, food and other necessary items twice monthly,” Ms. Bolden said. “Our ministry involves a lot of commitment and a lot of people.”

Christoferos organizes 22 week-ends in the year, with the Boldens and their friends coming together on the first and second Fridays of each month in the chapel fellowship hall to prepare sandwiches and sack lunches. The following day they deliver the food to underprivileged people routinely gathered at various spots downtown.

“I see us making a difference all the time,” said Ms. Bolden, an ordained minister. “We’ve helped people get off

the street, get off drugs and alcohol, find jobs and find a place to live. So many people have problems, but it doesn’t take much to make them feel a whole lot better.”

Master Sgt. Stephen Sparks, 12th Security Forces Squadron, and his wife, Leesa, exposed their 10- and 14-year-old boys to the process and use the time to bond with one another and friends, while also carrying out a mission.

“The best part about it is ... I am giving back to the community,” Sergeant Sparks said. “Mary is really the lynch-pin of the whole operation. There are a number of people who contribute time but without her I’m not sure if it would happen.

“It gives a lot of people a chance to be part of something really worthwhile and it helps out a lot of people. I am getting ready to PCS soon and it is one of the things I think our family will miss the most – getting together with others to make those sandwiches and meals to help feed those who need it most.”

Ms. Bolden said without the help of many people at Team Randolph, the Christoferos project would be much tougher to carry out. The Catholic community and several Protestant entities here have been on board for many years, she said, making sure deadlines are met.

Always at the center of all of it, though, is Ms. Mary, who makes a point to talk directly with people at the sites they visit. She said talking with children she sees on the streets is especially rewarding. She tells them it’s not their fault if they are struggling.

“We are seeing more families in their 20s and 30s, many with kids,” Ms. Bolden said. “We’ve helped many people suffering from terminal diseases like AIDS or cancer. We’ve helped them get back home, get off the street and reconnect with family members in those times of greatest need. There is no more rewarding work that I can think of than what we’re doing here.”

Ms. Bolden said the work she does with Christoferos has never interfered with her work as chapel secretary. Spending nearly 20 years at



Photo by Joel Martinez

“Ms. Mary” Bolden, 12th Flying Training Wing chaplain’s office chapel secretary, bags sandwiches she helped to prepare for the homeless as part of her Christoferos ministry.

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**Mary Bolden**

12th Flying Training Wing  
Chaplain’s office chapel secretary  
and ordained minister

Randolph has allowed her to concentrate on continuing the mission of the chaplaincy and the provision of worship opportunities for people here.

“Mary has been a God-send,” said Lt. Col. (Ch.) Richard Novotny, 12th Flying Training Wing chaplain. “She has been a well-spring of knowledge. Mary is the corporate history of the chapel. If she sees a need, she responds.”

Chaplain Novotny said he depends on Ms. Bolden for much that is germane to Randolph, but he quickly recognized her passion for the side ministry.

“She saw the need to provide for the homeless and what began as a small ministry for her has grown to include children who are home-schooled, members of the RAFB chapel community, students from Airmen Leadership School, and other units and organizations,” Chaplain Novotny said. “She doesn’t take credit for the success of the program. She is pleased with the response of active duty members from Randolph, retirees and others who donate their time ensuring the success of the program.”

SPORTS and FITNESS

Pumping iron

1st Lt. Candido Ramirez, 12th Medical Group, takes in an early morning workout at the Rambler Fitness Center Thursday. See the chart below for a complete list of the fitness classes offered at the center.  
Photo by Rich McFadden



Air Force selected for Armed Forces Bowl

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. – The U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons have been selected to play in the 2008 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m. Central Standard Time. The Falcons will take on the University of Houston from Conference-USA.

This marks the second straight year that Air Force has been selected for the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, as the Falcons played California from the Pac-10 Conference last season. This season's bowl is the 19th in Air Force history, and the Falcons have posted an 8-9-1 overall mark. Air Force's last bowl win came in 2000 at the Silicon Valley Bowl against Fresno State, 37-34.

This year's game against Houston is a rematch from earlier this sea-

son, when the two teams played in Dallas on Sept. 13. Air Force won the game, 31-28, in the first ever meeting between the two schools. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Houston, but was moved to Dallas due to weather.

Air Force will be playing in the same bowl game in consecutive years for the third time. The Falcons played in the Independence Bowl in 1983 and 1984 and the Liberty Bowl from 1989 to 1992. This season also marks the first time that Air Force has played a regular season game and bowl game in the same stadium in back-to-back games. The Falcons concluded the 2008 regular season at Amon G. Carter Stadium against TCU, losing 44-10. Air Force is 0-5 in Fort Worth all-time, losing at TCU in 1989, 1998, 2006 and 2008 and dropping the bowl game last year.

Intramural Flag Football Standings

TEAM	WON	LOST
JPPSO	3	0
12 MDG	2	0
12 MSS	2	1
Fire Dept.	2	1
12 SFS	1	1
AFPC	1	2
AFRS-12 CONS	1	2
562 FTS	0	2
435th	0	3

Sports BRIEFS



**Holiday junior golf class**  
A holiday junior golf clinic is offered Dec. 26-30 from 1-3 p.m. The fee is \$40 per player and includes balls, rules booklet and instruction by PGA professional Charles Bishop.  
To sign up, call 244-3415.

**Christmas Eve golf**  
The Randolph Oaks Golf Course is open Dec. 24 for open golf with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Mulligan's Grill will be closed that day and the Pro Shop will close at 1 p.m.  
The golf course will be closed on Dec. 25 for Christmas.

**Renovations**  
The Rambler Fitness Center and HAWC are undergoing renovations to improve the floor drainage system, which are expected to last through March.  
There will be no change to the operation of the facility and customers should not experience any inconvenience.

**Tee times**  
Golfers should sign up for week-day tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance.  
Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active duty members to qualify for a priority tee time.  
To sign up, e-mail [tee.time@randolph.af.mil](mailto:tee.time@randolph.af.mil).

December



Group exercise class schedule at the Rambler Fitness Center

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Yoga	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Step/Weights	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Kick Boxing
9 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Srs. Strength	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Yoga	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Pilates
11 a.m. - Step	11 a.m. - Step	11 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Seniors	10:15 a.m. - Cardiofusion	10:15 a.m. - Zumba
11:15 a.m. - Cycling	5 p.m. - Zumba	4 p.m. - Power Yoga	11 a.m. - Step	11:15 a.m. - Cycling	
5 p.m. - Step	6 p.m. - Kick Boxing	5:15 p.m. - Cycling	5 p.m. - Zumba	5:30 p.m. - Yoga	
5:15 p.m. - Cycling		5:30 p.m. - Cardiofusion	5:15 p.m. - Cycling		
6 p.m. - Yoga		6:15 p.m. - Sets & Reps	6 p.m. - Kick Boxing		
7:15 p.m. - Kick Boxing		7:15 p.m. - Kick Boxing			

• **Rambler Fitness Center holiday hours are:** Dec. 24 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dec. 25 - CLOSED; Dec. 26 (AETC Family Day) - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
\$3 per class. For more details or holiday class schedules, call the Rambler Fitness Center at 652-2955.

# Here's A Sobering Thought

Even a little alcohol can affect your judgment, balance and coordination. The fact is, almost half of the riders who die in solo crashes have been drinking. Play it safe. Don't start drinking until you've finished riding.



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